

Some of my key aims

Strengthening our economy

- End the endless debate and take real action on housing. Commit £100 million over the next five years to build affordable homes for residents, not investors.
- Bring our students home. Reform the student awards system and introduce financial and accommodation incentives for graduates who return to work in key sectors.
- Attract inward investment to grow high-wage, high-skill, secure jobs.
- Continue the transition to a Living Wage Island with support for employers

Getting the basics right

- Upgrading our National Health Service into a National Health and Care Service, reducing waiting lists and providing joined-up support throughout people's lives
- Delivering a properly funded Additional Educational Needs Code, ensuring that education works for every learner.
- Investing in day-to-day maintenance of public assets, including schools, healthcare facilities, and core infrastructure like our roads (not just the TT Course!)

Open government

- Bring transparency to the budget process, ensuring that changes to fees, charges, and spending plans are clear, visible, and subject to proper scrutiny.
- End the misuse of "commercial confidentiality" to hide the details of public contracts. Public money is being spent — the public has a right to know that it is being spent wisely, effectively, and in the Island's best interests

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Dear Neighbour

When you first elected me to the Keys back in 2016 I really didn't know what to expect from this role. It's fair to say the last ten years have been something of a rollercoaster.

We've navigated Brexit and Covid, multiple energy crises and cost of living pressures, and as a community we've tackled these head on, together.

Looking ahead it doesn't feel like things are getting any easier. The list of challenges in front of us seems never ending.

The rising cost of living continues to outpace people's ability to keep up. Access to housing remains a real challenge. Healthcare funding is at a critical point, border security needs strengthening, and our economic growth isn't reaching everyone.

There are no easy answers and I believe that the biggest risk will be the next government falling into short-term decision making instead of taking the long-term view.

It has been a privilege to represent Ramsey as one of your MHKs and I hope you will grant me the opportunity to continue to do so for the next five years.

I'd love to hear what you think. Please get in touch or catch me for a chat when I'm out canvassing over the next few months

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In Tynwald & Keys

I've tried hard to bring a professional and focused approach to driving policy and holding Government to account from the backbenches.

As well as tabling Questions, I am probably the most focused MHK when it comes to legislating. Very few Bills get through the Keys without my challenge and often amendment!

Some of my Parliamentary work has included:

- Member of the Constitutional and Legal Affairs and Justice Committee
- Vice Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
- Taking the Reproductive Rights Bill through the Keys
- Tynwald Motions successful:
 - Regional community hubs for government services
 - Breathing space debt management scheme
 - All government land under single ownership
 - Including in benefits discretion for exceptionally harsh or oppressive circumstances
 - Extending parental allowances to self-employed people
 - Support for SME Businesses to help adapt to higher minimum wages

Not all my goals have been supported by Tynwald...

- Protecting the value of the National Insurance Fund
- Tax relief on childcare & higher education costs
- Replacing the tax cap with a more economically focused policy
- Replacing Rates with a modern tax based on property value
- Allowing cohabiting couples to choose to be treated as a couple for tax purposes

In Government

I was Minister of Health for three years, (and briefly Minister for Enterprise) before resigning in 2024 over significant policy differences with the Chief Minister.

Subsequently I served for a year as a Member of both DEFA and Infrastructure.

I am very grateful for the hard work and support of staff across the public service that helped me progress a significant amount of work.

Just a small amount of this work included:

Health

- Additional pharmacy licence in Ramsey
- Public consultations on the future of Nursing & Residential Care
- Autism spectrum condition strategy - leading to halving the CAMHS waiting list
- Restoration and recovery initiative to start to bring down NHS waiting lists
- Modernising Capacity legislation
- Overhauling healthcare complaints and establishing Health & Care Ombudsman
- Launch of Carers strategy

Housing

- Establishing a homelessness pathway
- Redevelopment of the Nurses Home
- Establishing the Housing Agency

Economy

- Launch of the Island Infrastructure Scheme, attracting £80m in private investment redeveloping brownfield sites
- Increasing the minimum wage closer to a living wage
- Introduced shared parental leave and extending employment rights
- Securing the Northern Civic Amenity site and re-opening of the re-use centre